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## *Fishing in Alaska*

**Summer season brings  
wild salmon, grizzly bears &  
adventurous Arctic Warriors**



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TECH. SGT. KEITH BROWN



# Defining a Great Legacy in the Pacific

By General Paul V. Hester  
Commander, Pacific Air Forces

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Pacific Air Forces! On Aug 3, 1944, Far East Air Forces became part of the largest and most powerful military organization ever fielded by any country. Since that day 61 years ago, generations of remarkable Airmen and Air Force Civilians have stood watch over the western shores of the United States and the Asia-Pacific region.

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As we mark more than six decades of service, America is proud to have every member of our PACAF family in her service. YOU are



defining a GREAT legacy as part of the world's GREATEST Air Force! THANK YOU!



**Master Sgt. David Ledesma**, 3rd Component Maintenance Squadron, accessory flight, led the Jet Engine Intermediate Maintenance section in the production of six jet engines in a 5-day period.

In the absence of the section chief, he took charge of all aspects of the maintenance process. He skillfully applied back-to-basic leadership, focusing on safety and basic maintenance practices.

His efforts resulted in "Zero Defect" ratings for all six engines during group quality assurance inspections.

**Airman 1st Class Kevin Lensie**, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron, devoted countless hours to prepare the Blue Parking Ramp of the flight line for re-stripping ahead of schedule.

This duty required him to work late at night to avoid interfering with flight line operations.

He spent numerous hours ensuring equipment repairs to more than \$2,000 of GPS surveying equipment.

He also verified a long-neglected computer inventory valued at more than \$20,000, updating a program critical to 3rd Communications Squadron accountability.

**Airman 1st Class Brent Patterson**, 90th Fighter Squadron, reviewed 12 real-world Integrated Tasking Orders during three days of Operations Plan planning, enabling planning of critical wartime sorties. This allowed squadron aircrews to match weapons effects to targets and deconflict flight routes of large multi-service attack packages. He also identified more than 120 major errors in aircrew Isolated Personnel Reports, ensuring compliance with all command directives and directly contributing to the squadron's Unit Compliance Inspection preparation.



Col. Hawk Carlisle  
3rd Wing commander

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done?

The commander's action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Col. Hawk Carlisle. Your calls will get the commander's personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

**552-2224**

**actionline@elmendorf.af.mil**

The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can't help, then please call the Action Line.

**Key phone numbers:**

Col. Christopher Thelen, 3rd CES/CC  
552-3007

Lt. Col. David Aupperle, 3rd SVS/CC  
552-2468

Lt. Col. Robert Garza, 3rd SFS/CC  
552-4304

## Childcare heats up in the summer

**Q:** My son receives care at the Katmai Child Development Center. His providers are wonderful, but my husband and I are very concerned about the living environment in the building. Specifically, during the summer months, his pre-toddler room gets very hot in the afternoon.

This is not to be taken lightly: in order to keep the babies cool, providers often have to remove the kids' shirts, and sometimes even have to wet down their heads to get them cool enough to take a nap.

The center's director has been vigilant in presenting the problem to her boss and calling out civil engineers to check the temperature.

The CDC bought fans that haven't done the trick.

What CE calls within standards is upwards of 81 degrees, and that's only in the beginning of July...and it's only getting hotter.

Through my shirt (first sergeant), I've learned that funding is the big issue. As this is a northern base, funds are not allocated for air conditioning, which is seen as the only way to fix this problem.

This needs to be resolved quickly

and correctly. My son has come home with heat rash, and matted down, sweaty hair.

This is the only complaint I have of an otherwise excellent system.

**A:** Thank you for your call and your kind words concerning the quality of care your son receives from the Katmai Child Development Center.

I'm sure you've heard that this summer and last have been unusual for Anchorage, where we've broken many high temperature records.

While I appreciate your concern for the temperatures in the CDC, your first sergeant is correct—air conditioning is rarely allowed for Air Force facilities in Alaska, since there are typically few, if any, periods during the summer when air conditioning is needed.

Even our family housing is constructed without air conditioning—the cost simply can't be justified for the limited period air conditioning might truly be needed in the average year, even if a few days are particularly extreme. Permanent air conditioning for our facilities is not likely in the foreseeable future.

We've looked at "temporary" window units for the CDC, but they can be costly, requiring extensive electrical modifications to safely power multiple air conditioners within a facility.

Our CE team will continue to check the facility to ensure the ventilation system is functioning properly to avoid warm air concentrating in any area. The CDC staff is making every effort to maximize comfort for children on these unusually warm days, and you can rely on them to continue doing so.

### Drivers needed

Airmen Against Drunk Driving needs your help.

Highly motivated people are needed to become squadron points of contact.

If you are interested, contact Senior Airman Jenny Tull at 552-3986.

Squadron's or organizations are needed to volunteer to drive on Saturday and Aug. 5 and 6.



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## 3rd Wing Moment in History

**July 29, 1972:**



**The President of the Alaska Historical Society and the Japanese Consul in Anchorage unveiled a bronze plaque on Hangar Five marking where President Nixon and Emperor Hirohito met.**



# Exercise Kodiak Strike provides joint training

By Airman 1st Class Justin Weaver  
354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska -- More than 110 Airmen from the Washington Air National Guard worked with active duty Navy and Air Force pilots in an exercise designed to provide joint training and mission qualifications to air support operations center personnel, joint terminal attack controllers, pilots, weather controllers and the command and control centrals.

The exercise, Kodiak Strike, began July 9 and ran through July 22.

The exercise combined a unique group of aircraft and military members who, in some cases, have never worked together, said Lt. Col. Scott Whitmore, 111th Air Support Operations Center detachment commander.

"The purpose of Kodiak Strike is to fully exercise the theatre air ground system from the Air Operations Center level down to the JTACs on the ground," he said.

Local units participating in Kodiak Strike included Eielson's 355th Fighter Squadron, 18th FS,

3rd Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and the 90th FS from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. The Washington Air National Guard's 111th ASOC, 116th Weather Flight and 116th Air Support Operations Squadron from Spokane, Wash., participated as did Navy Strike Fighter Squadron 125 from Naval Air Station, Lemoore, Calif.

"We provided readiness and task training for the 116th and the 111th, which helped familiarize our Airmen with the base and the aircraft they would be working with," said Colonel Whitmore. "This helped us understand operations here at Eielson and helped spin us up for the war week."

More than 80 aircraft participated in more than 45 missions a day involving three different flying scenarios, said Capt. Christopher Taylor, 355th FS B-Flight commander. The scenarios included urban conflict, special forces-sized activity and large force on force conflict.

"The JTACs, which normally deploy with the Army, were sent to a forward deployed location where they coordinated bomb drops and close air support during the week for the various missions,"

he said.

A JTAC has to decide what actions to take to properly control the ensuing air operations and how best to maximize the support, what type of weapons to use, and where to direct the hits, said Colonel Whitmore. Anticipating what type of aircraft would be used, and how best to use each one, is part of the entire thought process, he said.

The Navy's 125 Strike Fighter Squadron, at Eielson for a separate training mission, was available and took part in the exercise giving their pilots a chance to communicate with JTACs in a forward deployed location.

"It was a great opportunity for Navy pilots to interact with joint services and communicate with JTACs," said Navy Lt. Craig Dalle, VFA 125 officer in charge.

Colonel Whitmore said he believes each unit has learned more about each other's role in the Global War on Terror. "I hope the training and experience the Airmen and Sailors received during the exercise will better prepare them for real-world contingencies," he said. *(Courtesy of Pacific Air Forces News Service)*

## AFA commemorates Memorial

Alaskan Command Public Affairs

The Air Force Association invites all Alaskan veterans, citizens and visitors to attend the fifth annual 11th Air Force/Americans Home from Siberia Memorial ceremony Aug. 12 at the 15th Avenue and Lake Otis entrance to Merrill Field starting at 9:30 a.m. This event is free to all.

More than one thousand names are inscribed on black granite panels of the memorial to honor the men and women who were killed or captured during World War II's Aleutian Islands campaign.

Speakers include: Eagle River State Representative Nancy Dahlstrom, Anchorage

Mayor Mark Begich and 11th Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. David Andrews. The ceremony will also feature a wreath laying ceremony and recognition of several veterans who served in Alaska during WWII.

The Municipality of Anchorage set aside the site for the memorial on land where the first Army Air Corps personnel (of what would become the 11th Air Force) landed on Aug. 12, 1940, and established a temporary headquarters while Elmendorf Field was under construction.

For further information contact Gary Hoff, at 552-8132 or [dghogg@gci.net](mailto:dghogg@gci.net).



## WHO'S YOUR WINGMAN?

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# Becoming state resident requires proof

By Mr. Charles Criss  
U.S. Army Alaska Staff Judge Advocate's Office

Military members and their families new to Alaska sometimes want to become state residents for a variety of reason: inexpensive hunting and fishing licenses, the light tax burden, and most commonly, claiming the Permanent Fund Dividend.

American citizens have a constitutional right to establish residence in a new state for any reason whenever they desire to do so.

A claim to residency becomes more convincing the more ties you establish with a new state and the more ties you sever with a former state.

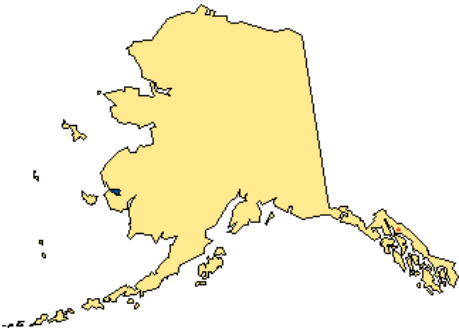
Alaska's Permanent Fund Dividend supplemental schedule contains a list of indicators of residency and is the most complete list available.

The following actions are recommended if one wishes to change a state of residency, but completion of all of them is not required. The more of them met, however, the greater the claim to residency.

Anyone can use this list to help demonstrate residency in a state:

- Be physically present in

- the new state
- Move all or a majority of your household goods to the new state
  - Purchase, lease or rent a place to live as your principal home in the new state
  - Obtain full-time permanent employment in the new state
  - Register to vote in the new state and establish a voting record in the new state
  - Obtain a driver's license or identification card in the new state
  - Register your vehicle as the owner or co-owner in the new state.
  - Show receipts for paid utility bills that were incurred in the new state
  - Open a banking account in the new state and close accounts in your old state
  - Change your employment records (LES) to show the residency in the new state



- Claim expenses for your move to the new state on your federal income tax return
- Obtain membership cards with local agencies such as libraries
- Proof you have not filed a resident income tax return in another state after your move
- Have not claimed a homestead property tax exemption in another state or country
- Have not disclosed in a court proceeding or affidavit that you are a resident of another state or country
- Have not signed a will in the new state describing residency in another state
- Have not purchased a resident hunting, fishing or trapping license in another state since moving to the new state
- Have not filed for divorce, dissolution or legal separation in another state after your move
- Have not obtained benefits as a result of establishing or maintaining a claim of residency in another state since moving to the new state
- Have not registered a vehicle in another state







PHOTOS BY TECH SGT. KEITH BROWN

**Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Melella**

**Duty title:** 3rd Medical Group, noncommissioned officer in charge, health services management  
**Hometown:** Killeen, Texas  
**Hobbies:** Running, watching movies and music  
**Mission contribution:** Manages operations of outpatient medical records; supervises 11 health service management technicians; co-ordinates health services management functions; ensures continuity of patient care and serves as the functional expert in medical records management  
**Time at Elmendorf:** One year, nine months  
**Time in the Air Force:** 11 years  
**Best part of being in Alaska:** The summer  
**Supervisor’s comments:** “Sergeant Melella is a hard working and dedicated individual. She takes great pride in her work and always goes above and beyond. When given the challenge of executing a centralized outpatient medical records plan, she eagerly accepted. She is truly an asset to the organization.” Master Sgt. Tonya Perez



**Airman 1st Class Brandon Grisham**

**Duty title:** 12th Fighter Squadron, aviation resource management specialist  
**Hometown:** Blandinsville, Ill.  
**Hobbies:** Baseball, deer hunting and football  
**Mission contribution:** Maintains the 12th FS operations duty desk, ensuring all pilots are signed off on all “go/no-go” items prior to flying  
**Best part of being in Alaska:** The awesome summers and getting to deploy all over the world  
**Time at Elmendorf:** One year, nine months  
**Time in the Air Force:** Two years, one month  
**Supervisor’s comments:** “Airman Grisham exemplifies the highest of standards. His outstanding leadership and initiative are evident in all he does. He takes pride in his job and always goes the extra mile in doing assigned duties right the first time. He is a valuable member in the Air force as well as a great asset to the 3rd Wing I am proud to have him on my team.” Tech. Sgt. Lori Hayworth



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## Pin On Ceremony

Col. Hawk Carlisle, 3rd Wing commander, will be promoted to Brigadier General at a ceremony today at 4:30 p.m. at the Susitna Club Ballroom. Lt. Gen. Carrol “Howie” Chandler, Alaskan Command commander, will preside over the ceremony.

Everyone is welcome to attend. A reception will follow immediately after the ceremony.

## Will Surge

Need to get legally ready? Need a will, living will, or power of attorney? Base legal is having a will surge 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday. Walk-ins only, no appointments necessary. Active-duty personnel only, no dependents.

Each attorney will be providing wills and getting everyone legally ready before the upcoming deployment rotations. If you’re not already legally ready, be sure to get a legal readiness certificate while you’re there. For more information, call 552-3046.

## Road Closure

The corner of Arctic Warrior Drive and Pease Avenue will be closed through Aug. 9 for road repairs. A map of detour routes is available on topcover. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Robert Roe at 552-4011.

## Job Openings

Those who are looking for employment opportunities on-base

will find a variety of jobs available through the non-appropriated funds human resource office.

A listing of available positions can be found by visiting [www.elmendorfservices.com/Pages/employment\\_new/hro\\_nafpositions.htm](http://www.elmendorfservices.com/Pages/employment_new/hro_nafpositions.htm) or by calling 552-4563.

## Space-A Travel

Those looking for more information on space-available travel opportunities may contact the Passenger Terminal at 552-4616/8388.

Those who wish to visit in-person may do so 24 hours a day at 10364 18th Ave., next to Base Operations.

## Vacation Safety

Before leaving on vacation, people should make sure that their home is secured. The following checklist from the 3rd Wing Safety office can help people prepare for their departure:

- Unplug all electrical appliances (except the refrigerator)
- Turn off gas pilot lights and close all water faucets
- Lock windows and doors
- Arrange for someone to pick up the mail
- Place newspaper delivery on hold
- Notify friends, relatives, or neighbors where you’ll be and how you can be reached
- Set a timer to turn lights on and off, or ask someone to do it
- Notify the local police station when leaving and returning

For more information about summer safety tips, call the 3rd Wing Safety office at 552-3389.

## Volunteers needed

Special Olympics is looking for volunteers to assist Sept. 10 with the Fall Games (Bocce, Equestrian, Golf) from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Additionally, volunteers are needed Nov. 18-20 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. to assist with Bowling.

For more information, contact the Special Olympics at 222-7625, ext 8 or [volunteer@specialolympic.salaska.org](mailto:volunteer@specialolympic.salaska.org).

## Narrator needed

The Air Force Ball Committee is seeking applicants to audition for the part of narrator/master of ceremony.

If you would like to audition or have any questions, please contact Tech. Sgt. Sonja Turner at 552-6619.

## Attache Program

The Air Force is soliciting volunteers for the Attache Program.

Individuals assigned to the Attache program are the eyes and ears of the United States’ military interest.

This is extremely important especially in today’s environment with the Global War on Terrorism.

Visit [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/rated-staff/attache.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/rated-staff/attache.htm) for information on the general job description, qualifications and projected requirements.



## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic Parish

- **Monday through Wednesday and Friday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center
- **Thursday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel
- **Sunday Mass:** 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
- **Sunday Evening Mass:** 7 p.m. at Chapel 2
- **Confession:** 6 p.m. Sundays at Chapel 2

### Protestant Sunday

- **Liturgical Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 2
- **Celebration Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 1
- **Gospel Service:** noon at Chapel 1
- **Fellowship Praise:** 6 p.m. at Chapel 1

### Religious Education

- **Catholic Religious Education:** Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Chapel Center.
- **Protestant Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center.

For more information, call the Chapel at 552-4422.



# Misconduct results in Article 15s and discharge

**Article 15s:**

An airman first class with the 381st Intelligence Squadron drank alcoholic beverages while under the legal drinking age of 21 and failed to obey a lawful order by drinking in the dormitories. His punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to the grade of airman basic, forfeiture of \$300 pay for two months, restriction to the limits of Elmendorf AFB for 30 days and 30 days extra duty.

An airman with the 3rd Medical Operations Squadron received a vacation action on his Article 15 for failing to go to his appointed place of duty. A vacation action suspended imposes punishment that had been adjudged by a previous Article 15. In this case, the punishment consisted of forfeiture of \$200 pay for two months.

An airman first class with the 3rd Component Maintenance Squadron drove a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. His punishment

consisted of a reduction to the grade of airman basic, suspended forfeiture of \$617 pay for two months and 30 days extra duty.

An airman with the 3rd Component Maintenance Squadron received a vacation action for failing to go to his appointed place of duty and for not maintaining a current vehicle registration. A vacation action suspended imposes punishment that had been adjudged by a previous Article 15. In this case, the punishment consisted of forfeiture of \$692 pay for two months.

An airman first class with the 3rd Security Forces Squadron forwarded pornographic material on his government computer. His punishment consisted of a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$150 pay for two months and a reprimand.

An airman with the 3rd Air Maintenance Squadron failed to go to his appointed place of duty and failed to obey a lawful order. His punishment con-

sisted of a reduction to airman basic, restriction to the limits of Elmendorf AFB for 14 days and 14 days extra duty.

An airman first class with the 3rd Services Squadron received a vacation action for failing a urinalysis while in the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment program. A vacation action suspended imposes punishment that had been adjudged by a previous Article 15. In this case, the punishment consisted of a reduction to airman and forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months.

**Administrative Discharge:**

An airman from the 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron was administratively discharged for the commission of a serious offense. Her misconduct included an Article 15 for consuming alcohol while under the age of 21 and an Article 15 for driving while intoxicated and failing to obey a lawful order.

The member also received three Letters of Reprimand and two Letters of Counseling. The member’s misconduct resulted in her general discharge.





# Arctic Life

*Great living in the great land*

## Shutterbugs hunt Alaska wildlife differently



PHOTOS BY DONNA BAKER

Above: This porcupine was seen north of 37th Street on Talley Avenue here.

Right and below: These fox kits were seen frolicking near the 17th hole of the Eagleglen Golf Course.

Bottom: These two moose were caught cooling off at Hillberg Lake.



Hunting and fishing may be the main reason a lot of people wish to get an assignment to Alaska, but many a shutterbug can be found out in the wild hunting for that ideal opportunity to shoot a photo. All these photographs were taken on Elmendorf.





# Alaska offers outdoor adventure

By Tech. Sgt. Mike Edwards  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Wild salmon, giant grizzly bears and beautiful scenery – these are just a few things that many envision when they think about Alaska.

While fishing for those wild salmon has proven a popular pastime for many Arctic Warriors, there are also some dangers to keep in mind according to an Alaska Department of Fish and Game publication.

One of the more commonly thought of dangers involves bear attacks. Salmon are a natural source of food for bears and when humans fish for salmon, they are in the same territory as that of the bears. This can lead to dire consequences.

To avoid an encounter with a bear while fishing, the ADF&G website recommends people not leave entrails on the river bank after cleaning their fish and to move away if a bear

approaches. The website also recommends that if a bear discovers a catch to just let the bear have it rather than trying to fight for it.

While not everyone who fishes Alaska’s waters may encounter a bear, one thing that is a greater possible danger that almost anyone can face is driving while drowsy.

With the Russian River an approximate two-hour drive from Elmendorf and the long hours of sunlight, some may find the temptation to go on a “suicide run” too much to resist.

A “suicide run” is when someone finishes work for the day, drives down to the river to fish then drive back to prepare for work the next day. Usually this involves little or no sleep.

“I remember the days I would get off work and head off to the Russian (River) for an evening of fishing the reds,” said Earl Crinshaw, a retired Air Force member who comes to Alaska during the summers to fish. “Usually,

I’d be out there four or five hours then head back home. Looking back, that probably wasn’t the best move I made.

“There were even times I would get back to base just in time to get a shower and a change of clothes before heading back to work. Man, was I beat,” he said.

Mr. Crinshaw admitted that in looking back he not only took his own life into his hands by driving while tired, he also could have taken the lives of other innocent people.

“It is easy to lose track of time when you are out on the river fishing. The days are a lot longer and you’re out there having fun,” said Mr. Crinshaw. “But it doesn’t matter how much fun you think you are having if you wrap your car around a tree because you fell asleep at the wheel. No amount of fish or fun is worth that.”

Those interested in fishing and other outdoor activities can visit [www.adfg.state.ak.us/](http://www.adfg.state.ak.us/) for more information.



Alaskan residents enjoy the annual harvest of red salmon, known as dipnetting, from the mouth of the Kenai River. This method of catching fish is strictly regulated and limited to Alaskan residents only. A permit is also required.



A lone grizzly bear searches the bank of the Russian River for any salmon scraps or any fish that may still be on a stringer. Those fishing should realize that even though only one bear may be visible, there could be others that remain unseen and a very possible danger. Wildlife officials recommend staying alert at all times.



Maj. Pete “Skipper” Staveley, 611th Air Operations Squadron, chief, 11th Air Force Air Defense Operations, prepares to clean a fish landed on the muddy shoreline at the mouth of the Kenai River.



Above: Major Staveley stuns a fish after catching it on a fishing trip he took to the mouth of the Kenai River to dipnet for salmon. Striking a swift blow to the fish’s head can stun the fish immediately, thus allowing a safer and more humane way to finish cleaning the fish.

Left: An angler tries his hand at catching red salmon on the Russian River.

On the cover: An angler walks up the bank of the Russian River as a bear intently watches him.



## Young Adult Center entertains teens

By Mrs. Mary Rall  
3rd Services Marketing

Long summer days can be made even longer when boredom sets in. However, base teens don't have to succumb to the doldrums, because the Young Adult Center offers all the programming necessary to fight it off.

The Young Adult Center is located in the Arctic Oasis Community Center and is open Monday-Thursday from 1-7 p.m. and Friday from 1-9 p.m. The center is closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Teens ages 13-18 are wel-

come to stop by the center to take advantage of free use of the facility's Xbox system, billiards table, foosball table, computers with Internet access and games, board games and musical instruments such as guitars, drums and keyboards.

Although youth are welcome to stop by and hang out at the center, all must pay a yearly membership fee of \$24, which can be made at the Arctic Oasis Community Center's front desk.

During the school year, the center offers a whole host of clubs that revolve around everything from community service to the

high tech. Throughout the summer, however, the center takes the fun on the road by featuring field trips every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Among the upcoming trips are an Arctic Valley Hike July 29, an ATVing excursion Aug. 6, an Otter Lake Back to School Bash Aug. 24 and trips to the Alaska State Fair Aug. 26 and 31. Most trips are open to a limited number of participants and should be signed up for in advance to ensure availability. Trip fees vary. Only Young Adult Center members are eligible to participate in trips and clubs.

"I would encourage teens to come out and participate because they get to do things they might not be able to do with their parents and families," said Tirre Raber, a teen recreation assistant. "They also get to spend some time with their peers and have fun in a safe environment."

In addition to the features of the Young Adult Center, teens can take advantage of the activities offered at the Arctic Oasis Community Center to include the indoor skate park, climbing wall, batting cage and micro golf and video game rentals.

For more information on upcoming Young Adult Center events, activities or membership, call 753-2371.



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## ...:inside the fence

**Eagle Glen Couples Event,** Today from 4-6 p.m. for \$25 per couple and nine hole green fees. 552-3821

**Open Bowling,** Today from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

**Arctic Valley Hike,** Today from noon to 6 p.m. for \$3 and sack lunch with the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

**Whittier Kayak Trip,** Today-Saturday at 7:30 a.m. for \$50 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

**F2W Field Day,** Today from 1-3 p.m. in honor of National KidsDay at the Youth Center. 552-2266

**Matanuska Rafting Trip,** Saturday at 5:30 p.m. for \$60 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

**Sunday Brunch,** Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

**HBR Fisherman's Challenge,** Qualify to win a halibut fishing trip Monday-Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

**Road Bike Training Ride,** Monday at 5:30 p.m. for free

at the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

**Eagle River Nature Center Trip,** Monday from noon to 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. 552-2266

**Red Pin Bowling,** Get a strike with a red headpin and receive a free game for every paid game Monday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

**Bowler Appreciation Night,** Enjoy bowling for \$1.75 per game Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

**Eagle River Rafting,** Tuesday, Thursday and Aug. 30 at 5 p.m. for \$25 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

**Draft Specials,** Tuesday at The Igloo at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

**Kayak Pool Training,** Tuesday at 8 p.m. for \$25 at the Fitness Center Pool with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

**Wednesday Night Madness,** Enjoy unlimited bowling from 5-9 p.m. for \$18 per lane for up to five people at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

**Wild Berry, Reindeer Farm and Gold Panning Trip,** Wednesday from noon to 8 p.m. at the Young Adult Center. 753-2371

**New Parent Orientations,** Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the CDCs. 552-8304

**Silver Salmon Fishing Clinic,** Wednesday at 6 p.m. for \$10 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-2023

**Sign Language Basics III,** Thursday, 11, 18 and 24 from 6-8 p.m. for \$35 at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

**Morning Coffee Conversation,** Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Arctic Oasis Community Center. 552-8529

**Ceramic Pouring Certification,** Thursday from 6:30-9 p.m. for \$25 at the Arts and Crafts Center. 552-7012

**Mountain Bike Training Ride,** Thursday at 5:30 p.m. for free at the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

\* Arts and Crafts Center classes must be signed up for three days in advance.

**STACK IT:** Get creative as you fill up at a Build Your Own Sandwich Bar Social Hour from 5-6 p.m. July 29. at the Kashim and Susitna clubs. 753-3131

**MOVIE:** *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* (PG-13) John and Jane are an ordinary suburban couple with an ordinary, lifeless suburban marriage. But each of them has a secret – they are actually both legendary assassins working for competing organizations. When the truth comes out, John and Jane end up in each other's cross hairs. 7 p.m.

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**BIKE AWAY:** Get on board a Roundtrip Portage to Hope Cutoff bike ride July 30 at 9 a.m. for \$10 at the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

**MOVIE:** *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* (PG-13) See above for movie description. 7 p.m.

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**XTREME FUN:** Get two hours of Xtreme bowling, shoe rental, two pitchers of soda and popcorn for \$30 for up to six people per lane from 1-8 p.m. at Family Xtreme Bowling. 552-4108

**MOVIE:** *The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl*, (PG) 10-year-old Max is an outcast who has become lost in his own fantasy world in an attempt to escape the everyday worries of dealing with parents, school bullies and no-fun summer vacations. But when Max realizes the characters and adventures in his imagination might be more real than anyone else believes, his whole world changes and he blasts off to Planet Dool to battle Mr. Electric. 7 p.m.

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**AUTO AUCTION:** The annual Abandoned Vehicle Auction of more than 100 vehicles will be featured Aug. 13 at 1 p.m. at the Services Storage Yard on the corner of 5th and Finletter streets. Viewing of the sale items will begin at 11 a.m. 552-3473

# Military test plane history

By **Capt. Tony Wickman**  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

**ACROSS**

- 1. Fed. cryptology org.
- 4. RQ-3A \_\_\_\_ Star
- 8. MCI competitor
- 11. Drills
- 13. Hurt
- 15. Disturbances
- 17. Southwest monster
- 18. Actress Sharon
- 19. Tennis player Kournikova
- 20. X-25 \_\_\_\_copter
- 22. X-35 \_\_\_\_Wing
- 24. To the rear of a ship
- 27. Critical
- 28. Bravo!
- 31. Before, poetically
- 32. Obese
- 35. Animated
- 36. Driving crimes, in short
- 38. \_\_\_\_Jima
- 39. Terminates
- 40. Tantrums
- 42. Skin mark

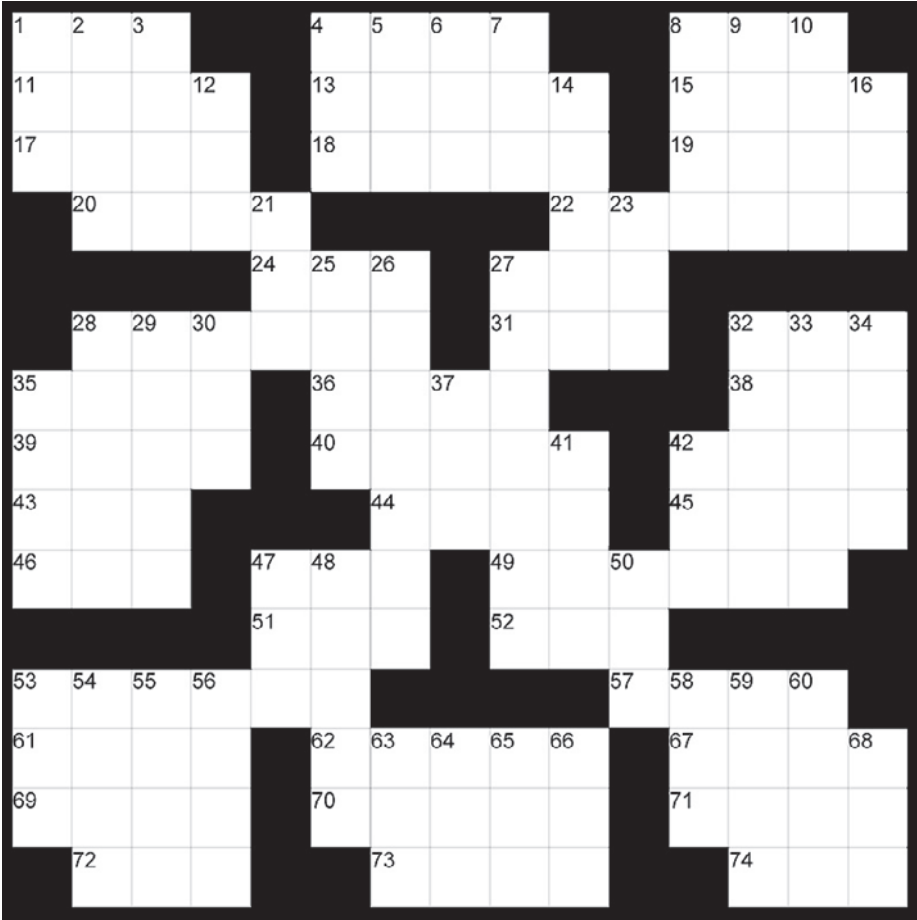


*Last week's solutions*

- 43. Exist
- 44. Ominous
- 45. Starboard alternative
- 46. Norse god of war
- 47. In debt
- 49. Assignment
- 51. Address for male officer
- 52. Confederate general
- 53. XF-85
- 57. Open slightly
- 61. Opera highlight
- 62. XP-59 Aira \_\_\_\_
- 67. Epochs
- 69. Mil. travel org.
- 70. Swashbuckling Flynn
- 71. Scarlett's home
- 72. Mil. pay statement
- 73. Actress Gershon
- 74. Wager

**DOWN**

- 1. Bother
- 2. Take a drink
- 3. Partner
- 4. \_\_\_\_Boot
- 5. Dramatize
- 6. Greek letter
- 7. Barbie's pal
- 8. Gone
- 9. Nobel Prize writer Morrison
- 10. Southern state, in brief
- 12. Recovery of downed airman, in brief
- 14. Delay
- 16. Droop
- 21. Paddle
- 23. Detergent
- 25. Crazes
- 26. XF-91 \_\_\_\_ceptor
- 27. XV-6A



- 28. XH-20 Little \_\_\_\_
- 29. Command
- 30. USAF commissioning source
- 32. YRF-84F
- 33. Confer, as a prize
- 34. Felony
- 35. \_\_\_\_moss; fertilizer
- 37. 3 to Caesar
- 41. USAF aircrew survival school
- 42. Resort
- 47. USAF crime investigation organization
- 48. Grimace
- 50. Actor Stephen
- 53. Fuel
- 54. Vocal
- 55. Chomp
- 56. SE Asia country
- 58. X-13 Verti\_\_\_\_
- 59. Middle East denizen
- 60. Scarce
- 63. URL ender
- 64. Medical scan, in brief
- 65. Long time
- 66. Mil. pay during PCS
- 68. Took a seat





# Medics sew up Soccer Championship

By Master Sgt. Tommie Baker  
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It was a great day for soccer, or any other outdoor sport, as the Arctic Warriors of the 3rd Medical Group and the 3rd Security Forces Squadron squared off for the base soccer championship title July 19.

The winds were calm; the ground was soft and moist from the day's rain. The players were pumped up and ready to compete for 50 minutes to determine this year's bragging rights.

This was the third meeting for the two teams. The 3rd MDG had won the first meeting. The second meeting ended in a tie since there were no tie breakers in regular season play.

As the game began, the 3rd MDG team, undefeated in the playoffs, fought stoically to stem back the assault of the 3rd SFS warriors, who had only one loss thus far in the playoffs.

Twelve minutes into the game, the intense rivalry between the two teams surfaced, as Justin "Chevy" Chevront, the star goal keeper for the 3rd MDG, hurt his back on a great challenge play from a 3rd Security Forces Squadron forward.

The two players met the ball head-on and collided. Unfortunately, "Chevy" received the worst of the collision and had to be helped off of the field.

This caused the med group to make a few changes in the lineup.

"Fortunately, our depth of field and

diversity of experience allowed us to adjust and keep playing," said Anton Mak, 3rd MDG co-coach.

Mak replaced Chevront as the goal keeper for the duration of the game, even though Chevront's injury was not serious and he remained on the sideline.

As the first half ended, both teams went to the benches with the game still scoreless.

"We had a lot of great opportunities to score, some point blank," said Mak.

"This (half) shows that both (teams) are here for the win," said Neil Miller, 3rd SFS coach. "We're ready for the second half."

As play resumed, the 3rd MDG, last year's third place team, stepped it up a notch.

"We came out firing with both barrels the second half," said Mak.

"JD' (Joseph Roberts) drew first-blood 12 minutes into the second half with a world-class shot from the right side across their goal keeper and the face of the goal into the lower left corner," he said.

"Nine minutes later, our speedster, forward Melvin "Mel" McBean, nailed the coffin shut when he scored the second goal on a sweet 50 yard midfield break away.

"He was about 50 feet from the goal when he booted it into the lower right side of the goal."

The next 13 minutes passed with each team continuing to assault the other.

"We gave it all we had, but they (3rd MDG) wanted it more," said Miller.

"We came in with good attitudes and strong desires. We're pleased with how we played



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Anton Mak, co-coach and alternate goal keeper for the 3rd Medical Group, raises the championship trophy as teammates cheer following their win over the 3rd Security Forces Squadron.

and we're looking forward to next year."

"It was a total team effort to get us to the playoffs and to finally win the championship. We had a great turnout from friends and family," said Mak.

In the end, the 3rd MDG reigned victorious with the final score of 2-0.

"This year we had about half the players return from last year. With any luck, we'll have as good of a turn out next year. Who knows, maybe we can take it back-to-back wins," said Mak.



Members of the 3rd Medical Group soccer team pose with their championship trophy after defeating the 3rd Security Forces Squadron team 2-0. Along with the team are a couple of family members and co-coach Staff Sgt. Ouluwasina Awolusi, in uniform. Sergeant Awolusi was injured earlier in the season and had to sit out the championship game.